(c) whether Government have examined and taken any decision on each offer; if so, the details thereof; and

(d) if not, by when a final decision is likely to be taken in each case ?

THE MINISTER OF PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS (SHRI B. SHANKARANAND) : (a) to (d) The last date for receipt of offers is 31-3-1993 and therefore no decision is taken.

1456[Transferred to the 10th December 1992]

Involving of Venezuelan Expertise for oil Exploration

1457. SHRI SUKOMAL SEN : Will the Minister of PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS be pleased to state :

(a) Whether Government propose to involve venezuelan expertise which is a oil-rich country, for oil exploration and petro-chemical projects :

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) if not, the reasons therefor ?

THE MINISTER OF PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS (SHRI B. SHANKARANAND) : (a) to (c) India's offer to allow participation in our exploration and production activities is open to Venezuela also.

तेल समन्वय समिति के वर्तमान बजट में घाटा

1458. **श्री अनन्तराम जायसवाल:** क्या **पेट्रोलियम और प्राकृतिक गैस मंत्री** यह बताने की कृपा करेंगे कि :

(क) क्या यह सच है कि वर्तमान तेल समन्वय समिति के बजट में भारी घाटा होने का अनुमान है ;

(ख) क्या यह भी सच है कि वर्ष 1992-93 के बजट की प्रस्तुति के समय और 30 सितम्बर 1992 की स्थिति के अनुसार बजट के अनमानों में भारी अन्तर है;

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(ग) यदि हां तो तत्संबंधी ब्यौरा क्या है;

(घ) उक्त समिति के इतने भारी बजट घाटे के क्या-क्या कारण हैं; और

(ङ) क्या सरकार ने घाटे को कम करने के संबंध में कुछ उपाय करने का विचार किया है; यदि हां, तो तत्संबंधी ब्यौरा क्या है ?

पेट्रोलियम और प्राकृतिक गैस मंत्री (श्री बी शंकरानन्द) : (क) जी, नहीं ।

(ख) और (ग) दिनांक 30 सितम्बर 1992 को कोई अनुमान प्रस्तुत नहीं किए गए ।

(घ) और (ङ) उत्पादन, शोधन विपणन आदि की पूरी लागतें प्राप्त नहीं होने के कारण पूल खातों में थोड़ा बहुत कमी आ गई है और इस कमी को पूरा करने के लिए हाल ही में कुछ उत्पादों की कीमतों में वृद्धि की गई है ।

Supply of Natural Gas from Bombay High to Andhra Pradesh

1459. DR. NARREDDY THULASI REDDY : Will the Minister of PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS be pleased to state :

(a) whether there is any proposal to lay pipeline for the supply of natural gas from Bombay High to Andhra Pradesh;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) if not, the reasons therefor.

THE MINISTER OF PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS (SHRI B. SHANKARANAND) : (a) to (c) An Inter-Ministerial Group had been constituted to examine the techno-economic feasibility of transporting natural gas from the Western Offshore to Southern region. The report of the Group has been examined by the Government and the concept of a pipeline to the Southern Region has been approved in principle.

Requirement and Availability of Kerosene

1460. SHRI RAJUBHAI A. PARMAR: Will the Minister of PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS be pleased to state :

(a) what is the estimated annual requirement of kerosene and its availability

from domestic resources;

(b) the quantum of kerosene imported during the years 1990-91, 1991-92 and in 1992-93 so far and that to be imported during remaining part of the current year; and

(c) the quantum of kerosene required and made available for distribution to domestic/industrial users in Madhya Pradesh, Gujarat, Maharashtra, Rajasthan and Tripura during the above period ?

THE MINISTER OF PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS (SHRI B. SHANKARANAND) : (a) The estimated requirement and indigenous production of kerosene during 1992-93 is about 8,425 TMT and 5,368 TMT respectively.

(b) S.K.O. imports during 1990-91 and 1991-92 have been 3340 TMT and 3367 TMT respectively. Imports during 1992-93 have been TMT till October 92, against the O.E.B. estimates of 3316 TMT for the whole year 1992-93.

(c) The quantities of kerosene allocation to these states and releases made (excluding special category customers) are as follows :

(In MTs)

State	1990-91		1991-92		1992-93 (April—October)	
	Allocation	Releases	Allocation	Releases	Allocation	Releases
M.P.	381029	376782	380502	374199	212556	212686
Gujarat	780423	775350	780927	783078	432514	432427
Maharashtra	1483366	1488295	1480045	1478644	833925	834210
Rajasthan	267137	268552	264758	260795	146035	145729
Tripura	20769	18987	19264	19307	12117	12114

The States are releasing kerosene to industrial consumers out of their total allocation.

Import of Crude oil from Russia

1461. SHRI RAJUBHAI A. PARMAR:
SHRIMATI VEENA VERMA :

Will the Minister of PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS be pleased to state :

(a) whether Russia has agreed to supply crude oil against rupee payment;

(b) if so, the quantum of crude to be imported from Russia; and

(c) what are the precise terms and conditions therefor ?

THE MINISTER OF PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS (SHRI B. SHANKARANAND) : (a) to (c) According to the Trade Protocol between India and Russia the following imports from Russia are finalised :

Party	Quantity ('000 MT)	Delivery
Prodintorg Moscow	400—500	December '92/January '93
Ural Invest Moscow	400—500	December '92/January '93
Nafa, Moscow	80—100	25th October—30th November 92.